

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The racket according to the present invention, shown ~~[[i]]~~ in figure 1, comprises a racket shaft 1 and a racket head 3 that mutually are rigidly connected in such a way that the existing forces may be transferred between the racket head 3 and the racket shaft 1. Generally, the racket shaft 1 according to the present invention has a new and innovative design while the racket head 3 is of a conventional design.--

Page 4, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--~~[[At]]~~ The knob 11 is at the end of the racket shaft 1 facing away from the racket head 3 ~~a knob 11 is attached~~, said knob 11 generally having a maximum across dimension T that is essentially larger than the diameter D of the end of the shaft 1 that the knob 11 adjoins to. Preferably, the relationship between T and D is the following ~~$1.5D < T < 2D$~~ $1.5D < T < 2D$.--

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

--As is evident from figure ~~[[4]]~~ 5 the hollow knob 11 is filled with lead pellets 17 that gives the possibility to affect the weight distribution of the racket according to the present invention.--